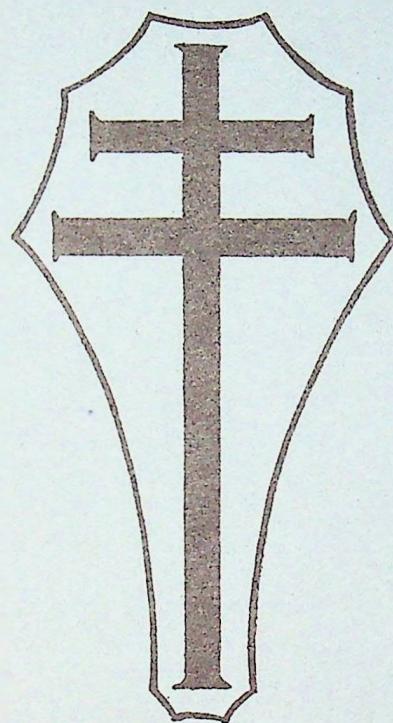
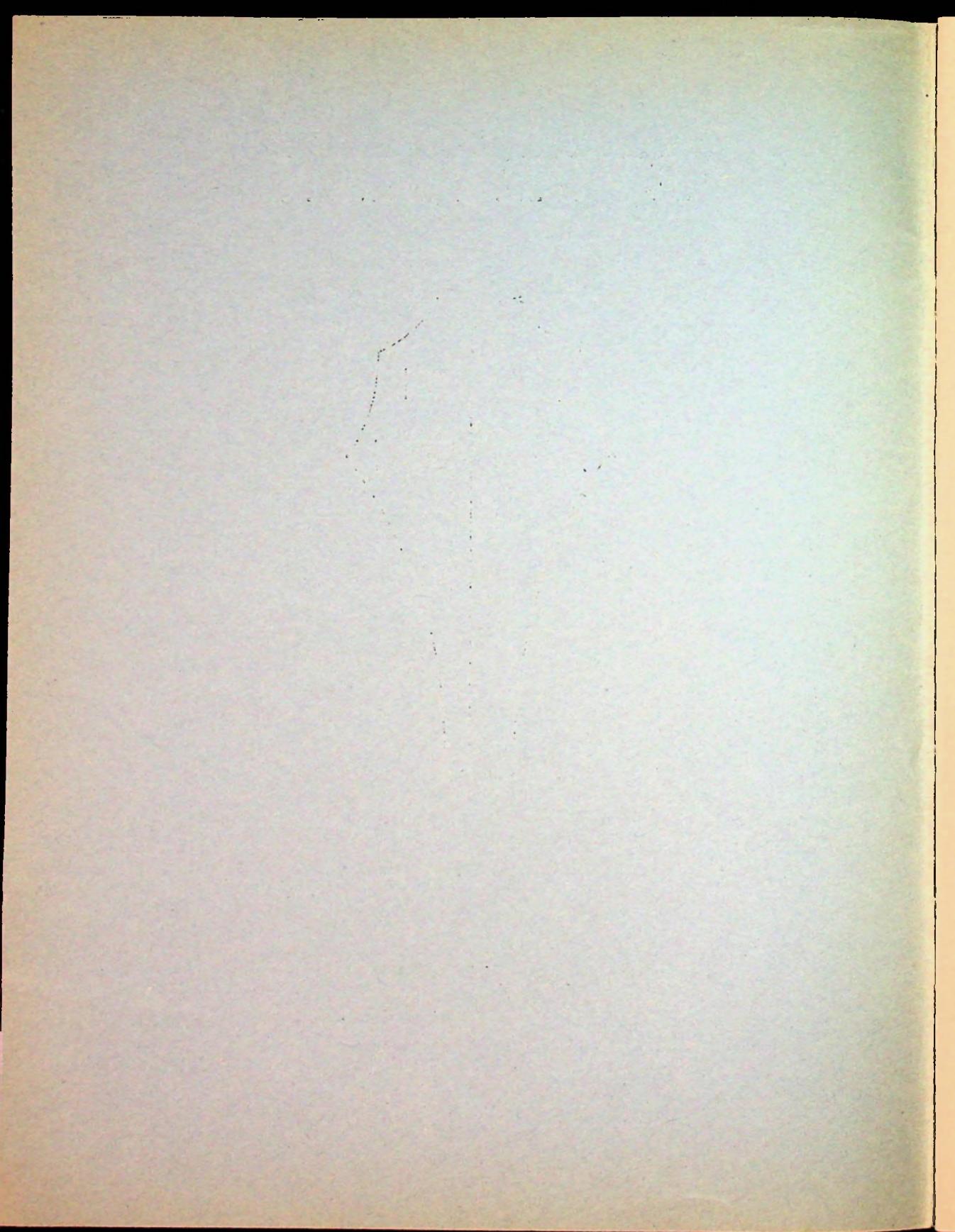


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THEN SHALL EVERY MAN
HAVE PRAISE OF GOD

P R E F A C E

THREE AND TWENTY YEARS have gone since the thing happened, which God's Holy Spirit instantly sealed as faith working by love. After four years, when every day saw peril surmounted by worship in the Upper Room of Talbot House, the brotherhood (established at God's Board), leaving the men whom War had passed into Peace, came home to build a House of weekday Worship, manned by the homeless for the stranger's benefit.

The open door called in the younger generation, whom the Lord led to maintain the good thing thus begun; and others, in their turn, have brought their strength into Toc H, in many lands and seas and circumstances.

So stands this House this day. Troubles have come, perplexities and losses; there has been equivalent gain; we must be sure of that.

But all the gain were dross, if there should falter the truth that here is work built upon worship. Life at its strongest most necessitates religion at its best in common life.

The purpose of Toc H is the conversion, and nothing less, of Everyman concerned. We have an Altar; and our social service shallows indeed if once our aims are prayerless or denuded of invocation of the Holy Spirit. Men who would work for him, however shyly, must come to him in secret and together. If they do not, true Talbot House will fall; and one more halting, unconvinced Society, bearing the name, would not be Spirit-led.

Therefore it is a custom that is wise within Toc H, since nineteen years ago, when the first Acts of Devotion begat continuance of the daily worship of Talbot House in Flanders, to procure the reverence and to foster the piety of Everyman by the preparation of an Order of Prayer. Though some such are appointed for first use at a Festival, yet they are not meant for that occasion only, but for any time of stillness or of solemnity. Where men or women gather as the sons and daughters of the House, let them decide freely to drink, as at a wayside fountain, beside the road of duty undertaken.

The cup here offered knows its limitations; but, given in the all-sufficient name, and derived (for the most part) from Scripture, that which is proffered trusts its origin. May it be found in a most humble measure to recall that brook by the way which causes those who stoop to lift up their heads, renewed in purpose of pursuit. An invincible Master is worthy of indomitable servants.

THE KING

*God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the King!*



ORDER OF SERVICE

FOUNDER PADRE

Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever, and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

Here shall be sung

ALL people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.
The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.
O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
For why? the Lord our God is good:
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore.

FOUNDER PADRE

GOD, who patiently poureth forth thy mercies on this people of thy name, reproving, nurturing, teaching and bringing them again as a shepherd his flock, lift up thine eyes and here again behold them. All these have found a measure of thy grace within the wilderness of modern life. Gathering themselves together they have come, seeking to praise thy comfortable name, and to find strength whereby they may daily perform their vows and week-day duties.

Oppression hath no entry into thy kingdom, where faces shine as they set forth thy praise. We that remain have friends among that number whom thou hast caused to rest, our first-born, the chief of all our strength in Jesus Christ. He surely brings them with him to this Feast, though not among our throng.

Let it not be that we forget his Redemption or their example, lest we become a people unable in our turn to enter into thy rest. Rather, from one generation to another, we fain would demonstrate thy loving kindness. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, redeemed beneath the Cross of man's release.

Let us kneel and pray after this manner

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*



THE PRAYER OF TOC H

OGOD, who has so wonderfully made Toc H, and set men in it to see their duty as thy will, teach us to live together in love and joy and peace; to check all bitterness; to disown discouragement; to practise thanksgiving, and to leap with joy to any task for others. Strengthen the good thing thus begun that with gallant and high-hearted happiness we may work for thy kingdom in the wills of men. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Let us murmur this Prayer⁽¹⁾ on behalf of our League of
Women Helpers of Toc H*

MY GOD

V.

I can wait,
I can endure,
I can give up,
I gladly will do all,

R.

If thou uphold me;
If thou sustain me;
If thou reward me;
If thou command me.

ALL

O righteous Judge, thou art both strong and patient.
I will be patient, if thou make me strong.

Now stand, to give the glory

V. O praise the Lord, ye people.

R. Make the voice of his praise to be heard.

V. Our heart shall rejoice in him.

R. Because we have trusted in his holy name.

V. O praise the Lord in his excellent greatness.

R. Let us magnify his name together.

V. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.

R. Like as we do put our trust in thee.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.



⁽¹⁾ A prayer given to the Wantage Sisterhood from the teaching of Walter Frere, C.R.,
R.I.P. 1938.

*Then shall be sung by the choir,
the congregation still standing*

EARTH'S HERITAGE

THE souls of the departed,
Like ocean-tides, return
Out of the everlasting
To all the hearts that yearn.
They lap about our footsteps,
They listen to our fears,
And in the vale of silence
They whisper to our ears.

They charm us back to childhood,
Their music greets old age,
They are, beyond all treasure,
Earth's lasting heritage.
As long as we remember,
Their lives are round us yet,
And still their love enfolds us,
Long after we forget.

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THE LESSON

LORD WAKEFIELD, PRESIDENT

*Let us hear his most holy word, written in the
63rd chapter of Isaiah*

I WILL mention the loving kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses.

For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour.

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them: and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Publish ye, praise ye and say, together:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was
crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose
again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion
of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the
life everlasting. *Amen.*



After which shall be sung

PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring,
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.
Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.
Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.
Angels help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS: A LITANY

(The congregation is invited to sit or kneel)

I

ADMINISTRATIVE PADRE

Let us pray, as we walk and are sad.

He made as though he would have gone further,
But they constrained him, saying:

R. Abide with us.

Lest we blind our people and obscure thy glory,

R. Abide with us.

Lest our service be not rich towards God, but savour rather of the things
that be of men, becoming barren and unfruitful in the excellency of thy
knowledge.

R. Abide with us.

Lest we be ignorant of the Rock which followed our fathers through the
cloud and through the sea,

R. Abide with us.

Lest we forget the feet of the poor and the steps of the needy, and our faith
without works be dead also,

R. Abide with us.

Lest we be dismayed at the frown of contrary fortune, strengthen us to
brook all extremities rather than to forsake thy presence.

R. Abide with us.

From the envy, which attacks the brave building of another,
From the hatred, which seeks to discountenance the service of his love,
From the malice, which barbs prejudice with poison,
From uncharitableness, which gainsays the very Gospel.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord.

R. To keep us this day without sin.

V. But they constrained him, saying,

R. Abide with us.

V. For it is toward evening,

R. And the day is far spent.

V. And he went in to tarry with them.

II

Jesus himself drew near.

Did not our hearts burn within us,
While he talked with us by the way, and
While he opened to us the Scriptures.

V. That Everyman be given a hearty desire to pray.
R. Rejoice over Everyman for good.
V. That Everyman may in humility receive the engrafted word; and purify
himself, even as he is pure.
R. Rejoice over Everyman for good.
V. That Everyman, putting on the armour of hope and love, may be set
to obey, learning from thy clemency to give thee praise and glory.
R. Rejoice over Everyman for good.
V. That in the day of grief and desperate sorrow, Everyman may be given
the treasures of darkness; until the darkness is past and the true light
shineth, which came not out of any lesser light.
R. Rejoice over Everyman for good.
V. Did not our hearts burn within us.
R. While he talked with us by the way.



III

In the Way.

And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known
of them in breaking of bread.

May the desire of our soul be to thy name, and to the remembrance of thy
mercies; until indeed our mind is stayed on thee.

V. He that saith he abideth in him.

R. Ought also so to walk.

May we bring into captivity Everyman's thought to the obedience of him
who has called us, a people of inheritance.

V. He that saith he abideth in him.

R. Ought also so to walk.

If achievement be withheld, may we none the less be given the will to labour,
to gird up the loins of our minds, to keep ourselves in the love of God,
to be patient, therefore, establishing our hearts in faith and verity.

V. He that saith he abideth in him.

R. Ought also so to walk.

Where minds divide, and prayers yield differing judgment, may we receive
the strength of sensibility to others who merit praise, not pardon, at our
hands.

V. Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us.

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. He that saith he abideth in him.

R. Ought also so to walk.

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IV

The Darkened World.

Walking in wisdom to them that are without, redeeming the time, because
the days are evil.

We pray that sensible and material things may attain that light.

V. Redeem the time.

R. Because the days are evil.

We pray that a deceived heart turn no nation aside, from peace, the work
of righteousness.

V. Redeem the time.

R. Because the days are evil.

We pray that the whole earth be no sterile promontory, but rather find in
devout dependence upon God a secret not dangerous to know.

V. Love worketh no evil to his neighbour.

R. Therefore love is fulfilling the law.

V. Shew us the way wherein we may walk.

R. And the thing that we may do.

*The congregation is asked to sit while a collection is taken. This,
after the expenses of the service have been defrayed, will be given for
the relief of Non-Aryan Christians, now suffering exile or persecution*

*The congregation remains seated until the Choir stands for
the singing of this hymn*

YE watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluya !
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya !

O higher than the Cherubim,
More glorious than the Seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluya !
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya !

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluya, Alleluya !
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
All Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya !

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluya, Alleluya !
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One.
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya !

FOUNDER PADRE

I bid your prayers for the apprentices in chivalry.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE ON OUTER GUARD*

LET character within stand silently, O Lord; the man's mind brought
out of doubt towards conviction, his hand made ready for another's
good, the heart both just and gentle, the soul tranquil.

R. Amen. So be it.

* Calcutta's name for probationers.

A PRAYER FOR MEN IN HARDSHIP AND PERIL

SINCE Faith cannot believe, nor Hope expect so much as Charity shall find when Eternity enters into possession, raising life to a hill above the storm, strike even now the soul of man to splendour; and when we have faltered, let love atone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for our brethren of the sea.

V. Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea.
R. They took him even as he was in the ship.

Let us pray for our Leprosy Relief Volunteers.

V. They helped every one his neighbour.
R. And everyone said to his brother "be of good courage."

Let us pray for all our kindred overseas.

V. Our friends salute thee.
R. Greet the friends by name.

Let us pray for those who mourn.

V. He hath torn.
R. And he will heal.

And their eyes were opened and they knew him.

OPEN, O Lord, the eyes of slow disciples. Bestow, by breaking of the bread to-morrow, the recognition which began in learning to search the scriptures for the strands of hope. Comfort thy servants in their consultations. Not as a burden now, but as a blessing, may we go back to duty in thy name. *Amen.*



THE DISMISSAL

THE DEAN

HEAR, then, these words of friendship.

You are keeping a Festival which is not yours alone. Let nothing mar it. Let your part be perfect, filled to the brim with joy and with Communion.

The bondage of the shadow athwart the outward world, the yoke and burden of your cares and griefs, let them give place to freedom of the spirit.

Joy is no crime; God's harvest is no failure. And, as his sheaves fill all the lesser penuries, all times are in his hands, each day—even of grief—a season for the comfort of his Spirit. Expect great things from God. Invite his mercies; and ye shall surely reap, if ye faint not.

In this sure hope, we that are old commit you to the best of securities, God's love sustaining all good undertaken. And may the very peace of God our Saviour garrison your hearts. Then shall Everyman have praise of God.



THE BLESSING

BY THE BISHOP OF LONDON



Here follows the closing hymn

O JOYFUL light, O glory of the Father,
Holy, beloved Jesu Christ, Our Lord!
Now without fear we see the darkness gather,
For that on us thy evening light is poured.
All through the night, whatever storm assail us—
Passion or pain, despair and shame and loss—
Thou, till the day, wilt hold and never fail us,
Victor before us of the bitter Cross.
Never the path so lost, but in thee only,
Trusting, we see, and, seeking, find a way:
Strength of the tempted, Brother of the lonely,
Out of our darkness bringest thou the day.
Lo, having thee, we lose not one another,
Sundered—united, dying but to birth;
All worlds are one in thee, O more than Brother,
One is our family in heaven and earth.
So shine in us, our little love reproving,
That souls of men may kindle at the flame,
All the world's hatred broken by our loving,
Shall bow to Love, thine everlasting name.
Therefore to thee be praises and thanksgiving,
Father and Son and Comforter divine;
We lift our voice and sing, with all things living,
Giver of life, the glory that is thine.

THE GROWTH OF TOC H.

Let the Great English Bible be set forth, open at the Book of Daniel:—

The thing was true, but the time appointed was long.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SILENT INTERCESSION DURING THESE
DAYS OF CRISIS, AS USED IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY



*By permission of the Dean of Westminster we
are allowed thus to share with all our Membership
thoughts which helped to make prayer a reality
for thousands at a time when it was hard to
know how to pray.*



1. Place yourself in the presence of God. "Spiritual silence is the turning of the soul in quietness to a power beyond itself."

"My soul be thou silent unto God, for my expectation is from him."

"The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him—yea, all such as call upon him faithfully."

"He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry and will help them."

2. Make an act of faith reminding yourself of what you really do believe, and professing your faith before God, e.g.,

"I believe that God hears and answers prayer—and that with God all things are possible."

"I believe that God's kingdom *can* come on earth, and that everything that is wrong in the life of the world, or of the nation, or of the Church, or in my own life can be conquered by the power of God."

"Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief."

3. Turn now to intercession, remembering that in intercession we are not trying to tell God what he ought to do. We are seeking all the time that his will may be done.

Let us pray—

1. For the world—that all who profess and call themselves Christians may seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness: that they may seek peace and ensue it.

2. For our own land, and for the Commonwealth of British Nations. Seriousness. Unity. Religion. That in these difficult days we may all walk worthy of our Christian profession.

3. For our King—that peace may be in his days.

4. For all that are put in authority under him—that they may be given wisdom, prudence, courage: that they may uphold what is right, and perform what is just, so that in all things God's will may be done.

5. For a spirit of quiet confidence in God.

O GOD of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength; by the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

6. Finally, as we think of the present tension in Europe, let us pray that the Spirit of God may so assuage the passions and prejudices of men that the peace of the world may be preserved.

O RIGHTEOUS LORD that lovest righteousness look in mercy upon our bewildered and distracted world. Show us all where we are wrong; remove all blindness and bitterness, all bigotry and prejudice. Be thou our peacemaker, and in thine own good time bring out of our discord a better and abiding harmony, for the sake of him who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*



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